MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not know that. The recommendation is that the ground should be raised one and a half feet above flood level.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): What is the present level of the ground?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not know. The ground is below flood level.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Has the Chief Engineer estimated the cost of raising the level to the extent recommended by the Land Revenue Commissioner?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I may inform the member that the Dewan Peishkar has subsequently inspected the locality and he has reported that the market should not be shifted especially because the site selected is not sufficiently large. He is of opinion that the market need not be shifted.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Have the Government accepted his recommendation?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It has just come today.

Delay in the disposal of pokkuvaravu cases in Tovala and Agastisvaram.

42. MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): Are the Government aware that *pokkuvaravu* cases are unnecessarily delayed by Proverthicars in the taluks of Tovala and Agastisvaram?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): It is reported by the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner that 532 *pokkuvaravu* cases were pending with the Tahsildars of Tovala and Agastisvaram at the end of Thulam 1108. Of these 86 cases relate to the year 1107 and the balance to 1108. Stringent orders have been issued for the prompt disposal of these cases.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): In the answer it is stated that 532 *pokkuvaravu* cases were pending with the Tahsildars of Tovala and Agastisvaram at the end of Thulam 1108. May I know why so many as 532 cases are pending?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Each *pokkuvaravu* case has to go through several stages before it is finally disposed of.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): Are the Government aware that inordinate delay is caused by the Proverthicars?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Government are not aware of that. There has been no inordinate delay.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): Are the Government aware that the Proverthicars demand bribes from the parties in all these *pokkuvaravu* cases?

PRESIDENT: Your question has already been answered, Mr. Nadar.

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